

The TURNTABLE

December 2015

NEWSLETTER FOR THE PAID & VOLUNTEER STAFF OF RAILTOWN 1897 STATE HISTORIC PARK

Upcoming Events

December 4, 5 & 6

Polar Express Trains

December 5 & 6

Turlock Model Train Show

Railtown Exhibit

Turlock Fairgrounds 10am-5p

December 9

Annual Railtown Ladies

Christmas Ornament Ex-

change Party

December 11, 12 & 13

Polar Express Trains

December 18, 19 & 20

Polar Express Trains

December 20

Polar 'After Glow Party'

(location in Jamestown TBA)

January 1, 2016

Happy New Year

Park Closed



Message from a happy visitor (August 7, 2015)

My wife Ali and I and our two little ones, visited on August 4th. We took a tour from Paul and absolutely enjoyed it. Paul was awesome, super friendly and accommodating to my two year old son who is in full swing of the 'terrible two's'. He was full of knowledge and the perfect tour guide!. We also enjoyed chatting with Ken in the store, a very nice man, helpful and full of knowledge. This was our first visit and in spite of the fact we live all the way up in Olympia, Washington we will most certainly be back. Thank you for making our visit extra special!

(Thank you Paul Tremayne and Ken Roy)

Year in Review

Well, here we are again with another amazing year gone by. Stopping to appreciate all that's gone on at Railtown and in Jamestown makes us realize how vital we are as a State Park and how important we are to Tuolumne County. From the dedication of our Sierra Railway shops as an important landmark, to the installation of the Walk of Fame and with the restoration of No 28, it all makes for a new and exciting year ahead.



Capital District Superintendent Lyman Gray poses with Railtown Superintendent Kim Baker and Cheryl Marcell, Director of the California State Railroad Museum Foundation. Our railroad history is included in the kiosk at Rocca park and in the 30 bronze medallions installed in the sidewalks.



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Christmas Ornament Exchange

The annual Railtown Ladies Christmas Ornament Exchange Party will be held on December 9, from 11am-2pm. This year Paulina Sanfilippo will host it at her house. Her address is: 21165 Christopher Circle, Sonora, Ca. 95370 and phone 209-533-4671

Polar Express Daily Schedule

Just a reminder for all volunteers working the Polar Express event. The all crew meeting is at 3pm every day the event and is held in the Carriage Room. Those working on board as cocoa servers (chefs) should meet in the baggage car at 2:30pm.

The Annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner

Will be held Saturday, January 23 at the Black Oak Casino Resort. No host cocktail hour will begin at 5pm, dinner at 6pm. This year's theme is WESTERN and entertaining will be The Sierra Mountain Band.. Volunteers with at least 84 hours will receive their invitation in the mail sometime after the first of the year, once all the hours are recorded.

Volunteer Duty in a Medical Emergency (from the Volunteer Manual)

All injuries to visitors must be reported immediately to the Employee In Charge (EIC), who will contact the appropriate emergency response units if necessary, and ensure that proper documentation is made to prevent future injuries and in case of claims against the park.

Injuries to volunteers requiring medical treatment must also be reported. The EIC must be notified prior to obtaining medical care for an injury sustained during the course of work, even if is at a later date. If there is ever any question of a life-threatening injury, it is always appropriate to call 9-1-1.

Volunteers do not have a "duty to act" to provide first aid for park visitors or staff, and should not provide first aid in their capacity as a volunteer. Since providing first aid is outside the duties of any volunteer positions at Railtown, volunteers who have training in first aid should review the Good Samaritan act and consider personal liability issues prior to making a decision to act on their own accord.



*California State Parks and all the staff at Railtown 1897
State Historic Park
thanks you for your dedication and service
And
We sincerely wish you a holiday season
filled with joy and peace*



(left) Nice enhanced photo by volunteer photographer Steve Brooks. We had three great field trips this year: the Folsom Dam Power House, Bodie State Historic Park, Angel Island along with the Rosie the Riveter Museum. Pictured upper right: Al Tunsen, Bob Ide and David Deutsch who worked very diligently to upgrade the 597. We thank them and also those who helped: Jeanette Foster, Dieter Teschke, Hal Montano, Nancy Bull and others.



(Left) John Mizicko working the turntable for the No. 3. On November 3rd we celebrated the retirement of our maintenance supervisor Ryan Richelson. On the right is the 'mouse that roared' meeting his demise while chewing on wiring inside our depot printer, causing us to purchase a new one. This year we were also saddened by the loss of truly great volunteers, Virgil Lovingfoss, Eugene Merritt and Ron Jeske.



Virgil Lovingfoss



Eugene Merritt



Ron Jeske



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